

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In Re Application of:

Confirmation Number: 7196

Dale W. Malik

Group Art Unit: 2452

Serial No.: 10/686,348

Examiner: Tauqir Hussain

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For: Automatically Replying To Instant Messaging (IM) Messages

**RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF NON-COMPLIANT AMENDMENT**

Mail Stop Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment dated September 10, 2009, Applicant hereby submits a replacement Amendment with handwritten signature. Applicant respectfully submits that the amendment and remarks contained herein place the instant application in condition for allowance.

**AUTHORIZATION TO DEBIT ACCOUNT**

It is not believed that extensions of time or fees for net addition of claims are required, beyond those which may otherwise be provided for in documents accompanying this paper. However, in the event that additional extensions of time are necessary to allow consideration of this paper, such extensions are hereby petitioned under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), and any fees required therefore (including fees for net addition of claims) are hereby authorized to be charged to deposit account no. 20-0778.